

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1892.

The assistant attorney general in the department of the interior has decided that a woman who is the daughter of a white man and an Indian squaw is not an Indian, and therefore not entitled to draw rations from the Cheyennes. She is a white woman, he decides. But is the daughter of a negro woman and a white man also a white woman?

How far Russia is behind the times is shown in the present emergency by her lack of roads and railroads. There is abundant food for all her hungry people, but how can it be got to them? That is the question now perplexing the always perturbed mind of the czar. In his realm the people of one province may be feasting, while not far from them the inhabitants of another province are starving, with no means of communication between the two. Anywhere else in civilization it would be only necessary to know there was hunger in any locality and brother men would open their hearts and food would pour in in abundance, certainly in a few weeks' time. This is why there can be no such desperate famines in modern times as there were in ancient. If the Russians, from highest to lowest, would stop their cruelty toward one another and go to building railroads, draining swamps and preaching and practicing thrift and temperance, Russia would soon become at least as happy and prosperous as any country can be and not be a republic.

Mind Your Manners.

When Jonathan Scoville willd \$25,000 to the Buffalo Academy of Fine Arts he meant it. He hoped it would help Buffalo to put on a fine metropolis and point with pride to the fine art and high art she had secured by the aid of Jonathan Scoville. Mr. Scoville was further pleased to see that the money was put to use in the purchase of a new building for the Buffalo Academy of Fine Arts. That January a New Year's gift of several valuable pieces of statuary. Of course after that his name would be in the papers and a letter engrossed in the highest style of fine art by a professional letter writer would at the very least be voted to him by the directors of the establishment which he meant to remember so munificently in his will. But not for a letter. Not a word of acknowledgment. Not so much thankfulness as if he had thrown to a poor dog a bone. Then Mr. Scoville turned in secret to his lawyer and whereafter that he had not been treated with common decency and therefor that he would revoke the gift to the academy. Which he did. High art and a-the-tics ought to have an influence on the manners certainly, but they do not appear to have had it in this case. The moral to the story is that the smallest service done to you is worth thanks, and thanks in the most graceful manner you can command. The neglect of gracious small courtesies make many a home miserable today. Therefore mind your manners. Be polite to millionaires and to bootblacks. Be polite even to dogs.

Port Electric Mails.

By the present arrangement for mail transportation from one part of our large cities to another, four letters can be put into the postoffice of, say, New York, at the same time. One of these is addressed to Boston, another to Philadelphia, the third to Washington and the fourth to an individual in Brooklyn or the upper part of New York city. The person in Boston, Philadelphia or Washington will be reading his letter next morning at the same time the individual in Brooklyn or Harlem gets his. It takes a letter as long to travel from New York to Brooklyn as from New York to Boston.

An invention has been devised to remedy this state of affairs and give to large cities rapid mail transit. The object is claimed to be accomplished by the port electric system of mail transportation. The company having the matter in charge has been incorporated in West Virginia, but will put the invention in operation first between New York and Brooklyn. The distance between the postoffices of these two cities is about 24 miles, and by the new system port electric trains can convey mail from one to the other in from three to five minutes, the trains being run ten minutes apart.

In this case the line will cross the Brooklyn bridge, and follow the bridge car and elevated road tracks. The line will consist of a single rail track. The car that passes over it will have a wheel at each end and guide wheel attached to a rail above. The car will look much like a huge cigar 20 feet long and 12 inches wide. When the mechanical difficulty of friction is overcome, which is the chief one in this way, according to the claim made, this iron and lightning letter carrier will be able to race along its track at the rate of from 150 to 200 miles an hour.

After the New York and Brooklyn road is tried and proved successful, then the company will extend its operations first to suburban delivery, to the towns of from ten to fifteen miles away from great centers of population. This scheme being shown to be practicable, the system will be tried for long distances. Going at the tremendous rate of speed mentioned, it will be necessary to place the port electric cars out of reach of ordinary travel and traffic. This will be accomplished by elevating the track upon a line of posts stretched along the route. Last of all, double track lines will be attempted on the same plan, and the San Francisco man may yet read a letter that left New York the day before.

The time will come when the force of the tides of the sea and of the currents of rivers will be utilized to give us light, heat and power. When waves are twenty feet high they exert a force of ten tons to the square inch. At a spot on the coast of France advantage has been taken of this knowledge to make the sea lift granite blocks.

PHILADELPHIA AMUSEMENTS.

Next Monday evening at the Park, Rosine Vokes and her clever associates will begin a two weeks' engagement, and it is customary by this delightful organization, three plays will be given at each performance. For the first week the bill will consist of "A Game of Cards," W. W. Godfrey's comedy, "My Milliner's Bill," in which Miss Vokes will sing her famous song, "Is 'Eart Was True to Pol," and "A Pantomime Rehearsal," into which Miss Vokes has introduced several new features since its last presentation here. Among these are a trio dance, written for Miss Vokes by Brandon Thomas, and a shadow dance arranged and performed by Miss Vokes.

Herbert Hall Winslow's new play, "A Barrel of Money," which will have its first Philadelphia production next week at the Empire, was written to catch the public by realistic effects, and since the buzz saw made "Blue Jeans" it is likely that the machinery room shown in this piece will draw a great many people to see the play. A girl is fastened to a leather belt which is slowly drawing her into the machinery, when she is saved. Other striking "effects" are introduced. There are several very dramatic situations in the drama, and the company is one of considerable merit. Manager Stair has placed all the parts in capable hands.

"Natural Gas" is to return to town next week at the Walnut. The well-known comedians Denny and Girard seem each year to make their play more laughable and attractive. Manager Cox has surrounded his stars with a company of bright and able people.

At the Arch Street Theatre next week Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew will appear in the successful drama, "That Girl from Mexico." This week the G. W. Lederer Model Co.'s "Incog" keeps the house in roars of laughter. Bill Nye's new play, "The Gad," will be given at the Chestnut Street Theatre next week.

Freeman's English comedy success, "Jane," which was given 400 times in London, and 100 times in New York, will be at the Broad Street Theatre next week.

Poor Consolation.

A kindly soul writes in The Youth's Companion to tell us how certain ailments that make mankind howl are really angels unawares and prolong lives. For instance, there is gout. It deforms the fingers and toes, makes them look like swollen tubers and sends 40,000 needles through the victim at times. But it is all right, says this consoler. If you didn't have gout you would die speedily from the causes which produce gout.

Then there is that blessed angel rheumatism. Perhaps you have a tendency to heart trouble, a serious one. But you get a good touch case of rheumatism, a fixed fast to your knees and ankles, and let you can no longer rub, rub and rub like a squirrel, endangering your life every day by your excessive hurry and activity. You walk temperately and slow like a solemn old lord with the gout.

But really it is a life worth having at such a cost? Think of the lithe, slender bodies of youth becoming twisted and hideous with gout. Think of changing the merry, blithe activity of one who never had rheumatism or the clutch for the deformed useless joints and hobbling gait of the rheumatic. Think of being unable to walk at all for twenty years. Many people would prefer ten years less of existence, with fully joyous life while they do live.

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—William M. Stackhouse, the newly-elected Prothonotary, took possession of his office on Monday morning.

—In the "Society Events" of the Norristown Herald of December 29th appears the following: "The engagement is announced of Hon. Robert M. Yardley, our former representative to Congress, to Mrs. Levi L. James, nee Miss Rebe Purdy, of Doylestown."

—A Philadelphia has died from injuries caused by his trying to swallow a rosary, in the belief that by so doing he would live forever. This man was called a religious crank. In primitive times, says the New York Sun, he would have been called a saint, for his was a faith that might have moved mountains. Had his faith only been less vivid and actual, more purely imaginative, he would not have differed much even from some men of our time who intellectually have swallowed dogmas, as difficult of mental digestion as rosaries are of physical, simply for the sake of gaining, as they supposed eternal life.

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